(*b*) if so, when that fact was brought to the notice of the Government; and

(*c*) what steps have since been taken to effect improvements to the said head sluice?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In 1920.

(*c*) An estimate amounting to Rs. 1,21,000 for improvements to the Vajjeswaram head sluice is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr D. NARAYANA RAJU:—"May I know when the Government are going to finish consideration of this estimate?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"I am glad that the hon. Member has put me this question. The estimate was received too late to be included in the budget and to include it in the budget hereafter it would be necessary to move for a further demand. There have been considerable objections raised in this House to the moving of further demands for grants. I am in great doubt whether I am to do so or not."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU:—"If there is objection for the Government moving further demands for grants, may I know what the Government are going to do? Will the work be seriously taken up at least next year?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"Certainly, Sir, if the House will allow the further demand for grant?"

Expenditure on the Tungabhadra project.

* 1632 *Q.*—Mr. C. OBI REDDI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with respect to the Tungabhadra project—

(*a*) what was the amount of money that was allotted and spent for the investigation of the project in the year 1927–28;

(*b*) what was the amount allotted and spent for the same in the year 1928–29; and

(*c*) whether any allotment has been made for the same in the budget for 1929–30 and if so, how much?

A.—(*a*) A sum of Rs. 25,000 was allotted, but only Rs. 2,003 was spent.

(*b*) Rs. 15,000 was originally allotted, but the appropriation has since been raised to Rs. 76,950. Against this an expenditure of Rs. 44,677 has been incurred to the end of December 1928 and the whole amount will it is expected be spent by 31st March next.

(*c*) A sum of Rs. [illegible],52,600 has been provided in the budget estimate for 1929–30 subject to the vote of the Legislative Council.

Action taken on the memorial of the mirasidars of Kulittalai and Trichinopoly taluks.

*1633 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: With reference to question No. 461 answered on 10th October 1928, regarding the memorial submitted to His Excellency the Governor by the ryots and mirasidars of kadarambam parts of the Kulittalai and Trichinopoly taluks, will the hon the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what action has been taken by Government on the above memorial?